

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 197

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Nashville Central Christian Warriors homeschool girls' basketball team upon winning the National Christian Homeschool Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student-athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Nashville Central Christian (NCC) Warriors homeschool girls' basketball team and their coaches have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the National Christian Homeschool Basketball Championship, a first for their girls' program; and

WHEREAS, the NCC Warriors beat three teams, the Big Rapids Badgers of Michigan (50–20), the Kalamazoo Cougars of Michigan (58–29), and the Lakeshore Thunder of Wisconsin (58–29), to win the Midwest Regional Tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the team traveled to Springfield, Missouri, to participate in the National Christian Homeschool Basketball Tournament, where more than three hundred 10U to 18U boys' and girls' basketball teams from all over the country assembled to compete; and

WHEREAS, the NCC Warriors defeated the Dallas Dasche Spartans of Texas (44–9), the Pontchartrain Christian Athletics Paladins of Louisiana (59–52), the Southwest Louisiana Knights (51–34), and the Memphis-area Home Education Association Eagles (45–33) in the championship game, and they were awarded the Gold Ball as the undisputed national champions on March 13, 2015; and



WHEREAS, many members of the team had successful seasons; among them, Madison Cook from Murfreesboro received the All-American Award; and

WHEREAS, the team's championship season would not have been possible without the astute knowledge and leadership of their coaches, Catha Skinner, Thurman Bailey, Jon Pourchot, and Kelly Hyland, and hydration support specialist Sarah Skinner; and

WHEREAS, the NCC Warriors homeschool girls' basketball team players are Maggie Pepper, Rebekah Skinner, Kara Bailey, Alexis Christensen, Hannah Solima, Annie Boggs, Bailey Johnson, Lacey Pourchot, Madison Cook, and Brandon Allen; and

WHEREAS, the members of the basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the NCC Warriors homeschool girls' basketball team for their outstanding performance, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Nashville Central Christian Warriors homeschool girls' basketball team upon winning the National Christian Homeschool Basketball Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.